

**New Mexico Horse Council**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**  
**6:30 pm conference call**

1. **Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order by president, Ron Morris, at 6:34 pm on Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Board members present – Ron Morris, Linda Threet, Shelley Bachicha, Wayne Epstein, Mariah Wilson, Dan Key, Juliana Cojo, Jennifer Griego, Bon Bagley

Board members absent – Terry Bogle (out of country), Janet Elder (teaching a class)

Staff present – Danette McGuire, Executive Secretary

Guests – Sharon Hernandez, Chris Gutierrez

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Dan moved to accept the minutes from November 7, 2016, Juliana seconded the motion; the motion passed

3. **Executive Secretary Report** – Danette McGuire

Started working on newsletter for February/March

Sent member renewals for organizations & updated contact list for potential organization members  
Price shopped equine liability signs, quote received via Val Cole from Stubblefield Printing was the best price found

Updated membership renewals in database

Emailed Code of Conduct forms to new board members for their signature

Created agenda, financial report & sent email announcements for board meeting

4. **Financial Report**

- a. NMHC Checking Account -itemized report sent to all board of directors via email

Beginning balance       \$ 5,649.48

Income                    \$ 1,694.00

Expenses                 \$ 1,150.78 (includes check #2544 not yet cashed)

Ending balance         \$ 6,192.70

Liabilities               \$ 2,256.00 (Project Gelding voucher, Stubblefield Printing, AHC dues)

- b. NMHC Savings Account – as of January 31, 2017 \$7,400.97 (\$0.06 interest per month)

Bon moved to approve the financial report, Mariah seconded the motion; the motion passed.

5. **Election of Officers**

- a. President nominations from the floor

- i. Wayne Epstein (elected)

- b. Vice President nominations from the floor

- i. Juliana Cojo (elected)

- ii. Shelley Bachicha

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- iii. Bon Bagley – declined the nomination
- c. Secretary nominations from the floor
  - i. Sharon Hernandez (elected)
- d. Treasurer nominations from the floor
  - i. Jennifer Griego (elected)

Ron, Wayne, Jennifer will coordinate a date to update the NMHC checking account signatures. Ron Morris & Nancy Freshour will be removed. Wayne Epsteen, President and Jennifer Griego, Treasurer will be added. Val Cole has been the 3<sup>rd</sup> signature and will remain on the account as a backup signature.

**6. Board of Director Appointments**

- a. Chris Gutierrez, Clovis NM
- b. Sharon Hernandez, Anthony NM

Both candidates gave a short overview of their experience and interest in serving on the NMHC board. Both candidates were approved as board members by acclamation.

Ron Morris turned the meeting over to incoming board President, Wayne Epsteen

**7. Appointment of Committee Members**

- a. Legislative Affairs & Public Policy (includes zoning)
- b. Industry Support & Fundraising
- c. Member Services & Programs (includes member benefits)
- d. Education & Information
  - i. Facebook
  - ii. Website
  - iii. Newsletter
  - iv. NM State Fair
  - v. Public Outreach
  - vi. Youth
  - vii. Project Gelding
- e. Equine Activities, Trails & Public Facilities

Bon moved to table appointment of committee members until next board meeting. Mariah seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**8. Unfinished Business**

- a. American Horse Council economic impact survey  
There was consensus to pursue racing industry contacts and NMDA for financial support. Danette will follow up with potential contacts

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**9. New Business**

- a. Set dates for monthly meetings & quarterly face to face meetings  
We will send out a poll to the board members to select dates for March & April

**10. Announcements**

Wayne suggested we work with Back Country Horsemen on projects that are related to both organizations such as land use, trails, etc. This will be discussed in committees and brought back to the board for further discussion

**11. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned 7:41 pm

Submitted by  
Danette McGuire  
Executive Secretary, NMHC